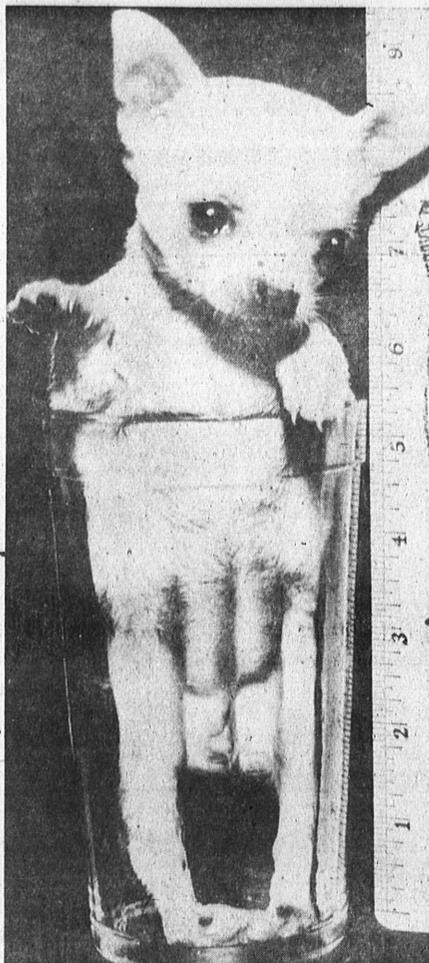


# Injuries Fatal for Minister, 85; Services Tomorrow



**GOLDEN GIRL . . .** When Honey Bear weighed 3½ ounces three weeks ago it was actually worth its weight in gold. Now the heavy weight tips the scales at 13 ounces, and is off the gold standard. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Arnoff, 629 West 214th street, managers of the local Kirby's Shoe store, say the tiny Mexican Chihuahua is worth \$10 an ounce or \$130. Weighing two ounces at birth the registered pup was one of two in the litter. Now eight weeks old Honey Bear stands two and one half inches in her bare feet (Herald photo).

# 2 HURT IN GANG ROUT

# C of C Cool Toward Annexation

## Board Wants More Facts On Park Move

Although withholding definite board action pending receipt of complete information, individual members of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon expressed opposition to the proposed annexation of Alondra Park by the City of Torrance.

The board wants more facts, City Manager George W. Stevens told the directors he was preparing a study of the annexation and its various ramifications and that the report would be available to the directors by April 23—the date the directors next meet.

The sole claim in favor of the above which would bring Alondra Park, its golf course, and El Camino College within the boundaries of the city was that the city would gain prestige in being able to boast of having such facilities within the city.

Some of the disadvantages of the move claimed were that the cost of policing, providing fire protection, and maintenance would pass from the county to the City of Torrance and thus increase considerably the cost of operating the city.

Earlier this week Police Chief John Stroh expressed the opinion that at least two additional policemen per shift would have to be added to the force if the city were called upon to police the area. He said that the taxpayers would be called upon to pay at least \$2000 per month more than at present for policing the area.

It was pointed out during the board meeting that the designation of the facility as Alondra Park, Torrance, California, was not in the control of the city government. The federal government establishes the mailing address of the area from the name of the post office serving the area. At present El Camino College is designated by the postal department as El Camino College, California. Too, portions of North Torrance, although within the city boundaries of Torrance are designated as Gardena since the mail for that area is distributed from the Gardena post office. Even after annexation of the Park area, the postal authorities might elect to have mail service to the area originate from Gardena. Thus the prestige would be lost to Gardena since the mailing address would be Gardena.

money donated last week to the Junior Woman's Club will be distributed. The final report will be published in next week's Herald.

The new, and perhaps surprised, queen will be crowned by Mayor Bob L. Haggard during

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## Queen To Yield Crown At Coronation Ball

Queen Jackie Johnson's reign is about over and the battle for her crown is still a royal struggle.

As the 1951 Queen Contest neared the deadline last Saturday night, only 255 votes separated the two top contenders, according to the last published accounting of votes by William A. Zoeller, CPA. Zoeller, with the final tabulations in his pocket, is at the moment the only person who knows who will be crowned Miss Torrance of 1951. And he isn't telling.

Even the seven contestants do not know who is queen since they have no way of knowing how a rather large sum of

## Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit City Tomorrow

Did you know that it cost the American Red Cross \$5.46 a pint to collect and distribute blood which it gives away FREE?

This figure, arrived at after computing the costs incurred during 1950, was announced by Clarence S. Biesemeyer, chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Red Cross.

The only way the Red Cross is able to continue such service is through volunteer donations of time and blood, according to Mrs. Don Hyde, chairman of the Torrance chapter.

"How come, if it's free, did Smith have to pay to get some when he was hurt last month?" is a question heard frequently.

**COSTS COUNT UP**  
The answer to that comes when you figure up the hospital costs in matching the blood in the patient's and administering it, according to Mrs. Hyde. The charges made at the hospital's, not the Red Cross, said.

For persons receiving Red Cross blood, the saving amounts approximately \$25 a pint, persons giving the blood, the



**MRS. DON HYDE**  
... Asks for Blood

cost is only a few minutes of their time.

To make the process of donating blood an even easier one, a Red Cross Bloodmobile unit will be at the Civic Auditorium here tomorrow afternoon from 2 until 7. This is the second time since the end of World War II that the mobile unit has been in Central Torrance—excepting the times it has visited industrial plants in the area—the last visit here being last December.

**ROUND TWO**  
Sufficient time has elapsed for those who gave blood last December to give again. Mrs. Hyde said, and she stated that those on the donors' list had "automatically" been put down for another donation. Many Torrance residents are working for their Oak Leaf Cluster in the Gallon Club.

To show the need for blood **RIGHT HERE IN TORRANCE**, Mrs. Hyde reported that patients in the Torrance Memorial Hospital received 42 pints of Red Cross blood during the month of February this year. During the same period, patients at Harbor General Hospital received

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**REV. LINGENFELTER**  
... Injuries Prove Fatal

## Crash Injuries Fatal to Pastor; Rites Tomorrow

Scores of friends and parishioners tomorrow afternoon will pay tribute to Rev. Benjamin Harrison Lingenfelter who died Monday afternoon of injuries sustained in an automobile accident February 26th.

Age had taken its toll on the well-known, much-loved minister and he never quite regained full consciousness following the accident.

He was 85 years of age. **SERVED HUNDREDS**  
During his 24 years of pastoral service to this community, he was called upon to recite last rites during funeral services for more Torrance folks than any other individual. Few early Torrance families have not in some way been served by the late man of faith.

He came to Torrance in 1924 to assume the pastorate of the First Christian Church and its 36 members. He officially retired in October of 1928. His retirement, however, was in name only. At the time he was injured, nearly six weeks ago, he was en route to administer the needs of one of the members of the parish.

**THROWN FROM CAR**  
Rev. Lingenfelter was thrown from his old coupe when his auto was struck by one driven by Edward Phillips, 25, of Los Angeles in a two-car accident at Figueroa street and Ocean avenue.

Until four years ago the deceased had lived in Torrance. He was living at 25830 Pennsylvania avenue in Lomita at the time of his death. He died in a Hermosa Beach sanatorium where two of his daughters had him transferred from the Harbor General Hospital.

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS**  
His two daughters, Mrs. Lois Engle and Mrs. Mary Thompson,

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**BLAME HOTEL . . .** These Torrance High School youths Ted White (left) and Bill White, brothers, through Attorney Boris Woolley filed suit this week for \$150,000 against a Taft hotel. Their father died in fire at the hotel in 1949. (Herald photo).

## Thomas 'Happy' With New 68th District Area

With the State Senate approving the reapportionment bill, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of the 68th district, informed the Herald this week he was "happy with the realignment of the 68th Assembly District since Torrance remains within the district."

He complimented the local municipal government, saying: ". . . It has always been my opinion that the City of Torrance has one of the finest systems of local government in California."

Thomas' new territory encompasses a population of 142,000 persons, he said.

The new 68th district no longer includes any of the Miralote nor the Palos Verdes Hills area along with San Clemente Island and Santa Catalina Island which are now part of the 46th Assembly District. The 68th has been expanded to include all of the Dominguez area up to Compton.

## City Receives Half Inch of Rain in Storm

Rainfall in the city totaled .54 of an inch, according to the official gauge on the fire station here, it was reported.

More rain may be in the offing, although the weatherman wouldn't get too far out on a limb about it yesterday.

He said Thursday would be "partly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Mostly sunny Thursday afternoon with little change in temperature." He predicted a high of 63.

**CLUB DANCE PLANNED**  
Chairman John Oursler is supervising plans for a Kiwanis Dance to be held on April 27th.

## Sons of Man Killed in Fire Sue for \$150,000

Charging negligence upon the part of the management, which they claim resulted in the death of their father in a hotel fire in Taft in 1949, two Torrance High School youths have filed a lawsuit in Bakersfield asking \$150,000 damages.

The youths, represented by Attorney Boris Woolley, are Teddy LeRoy White, 17 and William Robert White, 15, of 2032 Middlebrook road, Torrance.

Woolley's complaint charges the boys' father, Milton White, 35, died in a \$50,000 hotel fire in which two persons were killed and eight others injured.

The local attorney claims that the hotel management was negligent in maintaining the electrical wiring and fire alarm system. He claims that the hotel permitted exits, windows and doors of the hotel to become so obstructed that it was impossible for his clients' father to escape. Attorney Woolley stated in the complaint that the management failed also to provide adequate fire extinguishers or proper water system for fire fighting.

Killed also in the fire was the boys' stepmother, Beatrice White, 32 years.

## Board Tightens Purse Strings On Play Budget

That the Board of Education would participate financially in the city-school recreation program next summer, but not to the same extent as this year, was the opinion expressed at a meeting of the board Tuesday.

Board President Judge John A. Shilder ordered a letter sent to City Manager George W. Stevens informing him that the board felt it could not afford to allot \$6500 as in 1950.

They said they would help with the program to enable the city to receive some financial help from the county. The county would subscribe no funds unless the school district participated in the program, it was pointed out.

## Teenagers Tell Attack by Gang In 'Rat Pack'

Slashing with an open straight razor a "rat pack" gang last weekend attacked a group of teenagers, including Jackie Johnson, Miss Torrance of 1950, and sent a 14-year-old boy to the hospital with a back injury.

Suffering a broken hand as he fought with four youths who leaped from a car and accosted the local foursome was Bill Koehn, 17, of 17110 Ardath street.

Kicked in the back and sent to the Harbor General Hospital after suffering temporary paralysis in his legs was Eddie Avalos, of 1760 Iris street.

Jackie Johnson, who will yield her crown as Miss Torrance of 1950 this Saturday night, possibly to a girl friend, Sandy Gulbranson, 17, a candidate for the title this year and who was a member of the foursome attacked Saturday night, recounted the incident for police.

She is the daughter of Sergeant Swayne Johnson, of the Torrance Police Department, now serving in the navy.

The foursome, Johnson, Gulbranson, Koehn, and Harvey Rushfield, 15, of 1630 Acacia avenue, the fourth member of the party, were accosted by four youths who leaped from a car near 2309 West Carson street last Saturday night.

Apparently for no reason what so ever, the attackers started a fight. One of the attackers slashed at Koehn with an open straight-edged razor, cutting his shirt, belt, and trousers. Koehn broke his hand as he attempted to ward off the unprovoked attack.

Attacked Sunday night, perhaps by the same gang, were young Eddie Alavos and his brother Tony, 15 years of age. After mauling the brothers the foursome jumped into their auto and sped away. Eddie was unable to use his legs and was taken to the Harbor General Hospital. He was released later this week.

In the auto which the youths were driving when they fought the four Torrance High School students were several girls, all crying and pleading that they not be harmed. The attackers drove away with the girls in the get-away car.

## Sheriff Nabs Fugitive Living Here With Wife

"Sheriff's deputies ended the 'California for the winter' sojourn of a 35-year-old accountant here last Saturday when they walked into his home at 1619 West 220th street and arrested him as a fugitive, wanted in Chicago for forgery.

Living here with his wife, Vivian and his 2-year-old son, was John E. Heiting who admitted to Del. Sgt. O. M. Stiller that he had absconded with more than \$15,000, stolen from a Chicago mail order firm over a period of four years.

Authorities said Heiting had forged checks for purchases by the company where he worked, then pocketed the money.

The confessed forger was booked in county jail as a fugitive after telling officers that his wife knew nothing of the Chicago shortages. He had been here since October.